



## **DIVORCE**

- What do you need to know before you file for divorce?
- What can and can't you do?
- What if you have children?
- What can you expect?
- How much will it cost?

All of these concerns should be addressed early on. Some times, you find that problems arise after your divorce or after separation. Everything was amicable, and now you are having trouble communicating. Call us, and I will assist you in making these decisions.

Despite the regularity in which other people divorce now-a-days; you may find that it's not as easy or uneventful as it seems on TV. In fact you've never been divorced before, and you feel traumatized, overwhelmed, disappointed, scared or lost.

I know you have many questions and need legal advice. So first, let me give you a quick overview of California law.

California is a community property state. This means that regardless of fault by either spouse, who cheated, who abused alcohol or drugs, or who left the home, all property and debts incurred during the marriage, shall be divided 50/50 upon a divorce.

You will have to list all the property acquired during the marriage. You will have to list all the debts acquired during the marriage, both in your name and your spouse's name.

If you have children you must decide who the children will live with and which parent will visit.

The law provides the right of child support for the children and the right of spousal support for the lesser earning spouse.

Now that you know the basics of what must be determined in a California divorce, you can schedule a consultation for advice in your particular case.

We often hear a lot from friends or co-workers about someone else's divorce. But each case is unique and your experience and needs differ from your friend or their friend.

Talk to a family law attorney as soon as possible before you decide to file. If you already filed, come to see me so I can help you finalize your case.